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Kape Technologies Buying Up VPN Services, VPN Review Sites

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Former Malware Distributor Kape Technologies Now Owns ExpressVPN, CyberGhost, Private Internet Access, Zenmate, and a Collection of VPN "Review" Websites
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Privacy Is Our Priority

It's fairly common these days to have VPNs (virtual privacy networks) for both business and personal computer use. But what about the companies who offer these services? How much data do they save, and what happens if they get bought about by another provider? Will the same terms and conditions be honoured for previous customers?

True, this broke a while ago, but is worth a mention for the long term security and privacy issues. Unfortunately, internet privacy is just assumed by far too many people.

The site restoreprivacy.com put a considerable amount of work into this article. They've compiled quite the reference list. Rather than rehashing everything, go visit their site for more information.

A few of the points listed are these:

- 2017: Crossrider purchases CyberGhost VPN for $10 million
- 2018: Crossrider changes name to "Kape"
- 2018: Kape purchases Zenmate VPN for $5 million
- 2019: Kape purchases Private Internet Access for $127 million
- In May 2021, news broke that Kape had purchased a company called Webselenese. Like Kape, Webselenese also operates out of Israel and runs the websites vpnMentor.com and Wizcase.com.
- 2021: Kape purchases ExpressVPN for $936 million by far the largest VPN acquisition to date

VPNs do have legitimate purposes and make an enormous difference in protecting people online. However, no company is truly invulnerable.

How do we know that a VPN company is what it claims to be, and not a front for intelligence gathering? Such an operation would put Facebook to shame in terms of its capabilities.

Beyond privacy rights, there are also property rights to think about. If a person or company publishes content, and then ads are inserted (without consent), is that not interference? If content doesn't reach its destination as it should, it can have financial consequences.

A few ideas to think about:
-Consider different browsers, 1 for sensitive use, another for more general use
-Have multiple encryption methods
-Think twice about sending certain material at all, which should be commonsense
-Talk in person, and avoid technology where possible
-Research who actually owns your VPN service
-Be prepared to walk away if needed

Yes, there is the argument that “if you aren’t doing anything wrong, you have nothing to hide”. However, there’s nothing wrong with people wanting to keep their personal lives private.

While this is a bit different from the normal subjects, it’s worthwhile to think about the long term impacts of your online data. Also, with the creeping authoritarianism and medical tyranny (for your safety of course), Governments could very well get in on this. One of the consequences of limiting public gatherings is that it drives people online, where it’s much easier to monitor their content.

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Edward

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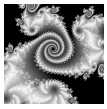
Private Internet Access, one of the companies listed is now offering subscribers their own personal I.P. address which they would mistakenly think offers greater privacy. Thank you for this excellent post.



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I don’t comment here anymore. I have my reasons. But I still think that Ronnie has a lot to offer and I still point people to this blog. Despite my beefs (which I don’t want to go into), I think that this is one of the better sources of Canadian information.

I still visit the site and I have signed up to be notified of recent blog posts. I just wanted to leave this short note in order to notify Ronnie that I’m not getting those notices. I’ll re-sign and see if that works. But nothing surprises me.

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Great content, it will help in my business Thanks for sharing useful information. Respectfully, David, author of the blog https://vpnheroes.com/